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25X1 1. [ ] In response to the Bureau of the Budget's inquiry for informal comments on a pending State Department proposal to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for reciprocity for the establishment of low power transmitters in the U.S. and foreign countries, I met with James Hyde who is handling the bill in the Bureau. I advised Mr. Hyde that we were in favor of the bill but I pointed out the

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I added that in our opinion State Department should continue to be the proponent of the bill. Mr. Hyde said he understood this completely. He expressed some concern as to which of the congressional committees this bill might be referred to and said he felt that considerable ground-work should be laid with those committees in advance. While this is not a matter for Agency action, and I so indicated to Mr. Hyde, I told him that this would certainly appear desirable from our standpoint in order that troublesome questions from an Agency standpoint could be avoided if possible. Mr. Hyde expects to talk further with the State Department on this before the bill goes to the White House early next week. I sug-

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25X1 2. [ ] In response to his request, [ ]  
25X1 [ ] of WH Division and [ ] met with Representative Henry B. Gonzalez (D., Tex.) who had indicated a desire to talk to us about [ ] It developed that the Congressman's interest stemmed solely from approaches made to him by [ ]  
25X1 [ ] has written to the Agency and a [ ]  
25X1 [ ] The Congressman loaned us a number of documents which had been forwarded to him by [ ] We suggested that we consolidate this with material we had obtained directly from [ ] and after it is fully reviewed, we will apprise the Congressman of our position or views. ([ ] is preparing a detailed memorandum on our meeting.)  
25X1 Mr. Gonzalez was most cordial and said he would be glad to help us in any way possible. Our meeting with him lasted approximately an hour and a half.

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25X1 3. [ ] At the request of Mr. McCone, talked with Senator Russell indicating that in addition to the status report of yesterday we wanted the Senator to know that of course we would be happy to make Mr. Powers available as soon as possible. In addition, it was suggested that the Senator might wish to make a statement to this effect. The Senator stated he was not particularly interested in having Powers appear before the Committee on the assumption that he would be receiving full information. I said this, of course, was correct. Senator Russell went on to say that in view of the pressure and comments of others probably his making such a statement was a good idea and he would proceed with it.

25X1 4. [ ] I raised the same point with Bob Smart as I had with Senator Russell for Mr. Vinson to make a statement. Smart said he had discussed this with Mr. Vinson who was not at all anxious to have Powers before the Committee. In fact he preferred simply to receive the appropriate information. Further, there was not going to be any meeting of the House for the next few days in which the statement could appropriately be made since there was only going to be a short session. Smart said he was sure the Chairman would appreciate our viewpoint but he thought he could speak for the Chairman that Mr. Vinson would probably desire not to make any statement at this point.

25X1 5. [ ] While talking with Mr. Smart, we also firmed up the arrangements for the Director to appear before the CIA Subcommittee of House Armed Services at ten o'clock on 22 February 1962.

25X1 6. [ ] Advised by Alan Morrison, office of Air Force JAG that OSD had returned the proposed amendments to the Missing Persons Act (DOD 87-1118) under memorandum dated 8 February 1962 indicating that DOD agreed with Army-Navy comments relating to elimination of undeserving persons from receipt of benefits under the Missing Persons Act and requested review and return of the proposed amendments to DOD for submission to BOB on 16 February.

Mr. Morrison indicated that literal resolution as suggested by DOD was not readily possible due to the nature of the original comments by Army and Navy due to the fact that this question is otherwise covered in the basic legislation and in the covering speaker letter. It was indicated

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the question could be raised with DOD concerning the extent of DOD's understanding of this background and that failing such question and resolution at DOD level it would probably be necessary to meet again with Army and Navy. Such a meeting would not be possible within the present suspense limits. The matter will be discussed further with the Office of Legislative Liaison which is the Air Force action office on this item.

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[REDACTED] Office of Security, met with Mr. Joseph Calafano, Jr., Office of General Counsel, DOD; Lt. Col. Campbell, Office of Chief of Information, Department of Army; and Major Gorder, Office of Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, Department of Army, at the Agency Headquarters building concerning [REDACTED] Review of OSS files indicated that Army files on the subject were rather complete and accurate. It was learned, however, that DOD now desires to issue some form of press release within the fairly near future in order to relieve pressure that has built up on this matter over the past few months. Such a release is now in draft form. It was indicated that when ready the final draft will be forwarded to the Agency for such comment as we may desire to make prior to its release.

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